

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the abstract as follows:

Please replace the abstract with the following rewritten paragraph:

ABSTRACT

A waist belt used for supporting a disposable absorbent assembly is disclosed. The belt ~~comprises~~ includes a central segment positioned along the longitudinal centerline of the belt, at least two intermediate segments transversely outwardly extending from the central segment, and at least two distal segments transversely outwardly extending from an intermediate segment. Each intermediate segment covers a side hip of the wearer when the belt is worn. The longitudinal length of each intermediate segment is greater than that of the central segment, and greater than that of each distal segment. The belt further ~~comprises~~ includes a fastener element positioned on at least one of the distal segments for releasably securing the belt around the waist of the wearer, and an attachment surface formed at least on each intermediate segment for releasably attaching the disposable assembly to the belt. An absorbent article comprising such a belt is also disclosed.